

**IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF DEFIANCE COUNTY, OHIO
PROBATE DIVISION**

In the Matter of _____ Case No: _____

**JUDGMENT ENTRY
APPOINTING GUARDIAN
AD LITEM**

Upon the Court's own Motion for the appointment of a Guardian Ad Litem, and it appearing that the appointment of a Guardian Ad Litem is essential to protect the interests of the ward; it is hereby **ORDERED** as follows:

1. That _____ is hereby appointed Guardian Ad Litem for the Ward, _____.
2. Upon presentation of a copy of this order to any agency, hospital, physician, chiropractor, optometrist, dentist, nurse, or other medical, dental, optical practitioner, psychologist, psychiatrist, or other mental health practitioner, organization, school, person or office including but limited to the Clerk of this Court, human services agencies, public children services agencies, health departments. The Guardian Ad Litem shall be permitted to inspect and copy any records relating to the ward and or to confer with any and all professionals who may provide information relative to said ward with respect to issues pending before this Court without the consent of the guardian.
3. That the Guardian Ad Litem appointed to this cause shall maintain any information received from any such source as confidential, and will not disclose the same except to report to the Court or as the Court directs or law permits.
4. That the Guardian Ad Litem shall be given notice of and shall appear at all hearings or proceedings scheduled in this cause and assure proper representation of the child at said hearings unless excused or otherwise indicated by the Court.

5. That the Guardian Ad Litem shall be notified of any hearings, reviews, investigations, depositions, or other proceedings concerning the child and shall be entitled to attend the same.
6. That the Guardian Ad Litem shall be notified prior to any change being made in the ward's residence, except those actions taken to prevent immediate or threatened physical or emotional harm to the ward, in which case the guardian ad litem must be notified before the end of the next business day after the change is made.

Dated: _____

Jeffrey A. Strausbaugh, Judge